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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District, Pinellas County; providing for codification of special laws relating to the district; providing legislative intent; codifying, reenacting, and amending chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445, 88-445, Laws of Florida; describing district boundaries; providing for the district commissioners, their appointment and powers; repealing chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445, 88-445, Laws of Florida; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District, an independent special district and public corporation of the state. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the district, including all current legislative authority granted to the district by its several enactments and any additional authority granted by this act.

Section 2. Chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445, and 88-445, Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as provided in this act.

Section 3. The Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District is re-created, and the charter for the district is re-created and reenacted to read:



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31 Section 1. All of the lands hereinafter described shall be
 32 part of an independent special recreational district, a public
 33 corporation, having the powers and duties herein set forth under
 34 the name of Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District.
 35 The land so to be incorporated being described as follows:

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 37 All lands and territory lying within the boundaries as set forth
 38 below:

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 40 From a point at the intersection of the center lines of County
 41 Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street N. and Duhme Road, and Florida
 42 694, a/k/a Walsingham Road, as a POB (point of beginning); run
 43 westerly along said center line of Florida 694, a/k/a Walsingham
 44 Road, to the center line of Boca Ciega Bay; thence run south and
 45 southeasterly along a said center line of Boca Ciega Bay to a
 46 point where, if extended, the center line of 54th Avenue N.
 47 would intersect with the center line of Boca Ciega Bay; thence
 48 run easterly to a point where, if extended, the center line of
 49 54th Avenue N. would intersect with the center line of Long
 50 Bayou; thence run northwesterly and north along the center line
 51 of Long Bayou and Lake Seminole to a point where, if extended,
 52 the center line of 122nd Avenue North would intersect with the
 53 center line of Lake Seminole; thence westerly along the center
 54 line of 122nd Avenue North until its intersection with the
 55 center line of County Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and
 56 Duhme Road; thence southerly along the center line of County
 57 Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme Road, to the POB
 58 or the point where the center line of the County Road 595A,
 59 a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme Road, intersects with the
 60 center line of Florida 694, a/k/a Walsingham Road, all in



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61 Pinellas County, Florida. However, any portion of the current
62 boundaries of the City of Largo are excluded.

63 Section 2. The business and affairs of the district shall
64 be conducted and administered by a board of seven commissioners
65 who, upon their qualification, shall serve for a period of 4
66 years.

67 Section 3. Such seven commissioners shall serve for terms
68 of 4 years each and shall be appointed as follows: five
69 commissioners shall be appointed by the Board of County
70 Commissioners of Pinellas County, two in 1988 and three in 1990
71 and every 4 years subsequent thereto, and two commissioners
72 shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Seminole,
73 one in 1988 and one in 1990 and every 4 years subsequent
74 thereto. Any commissioner may be appointed to succeed himself
75 or herself. All commissioners shall be registered voters
76 residing within the district and shall have resided within the
77 district for at least 1 year prior to appointment. If any
78 commissioner shall cease to reside anywhere within the district
79 or fails to attend at least 50 percent of the duly called
80 commissioners meetings in any one fiscal year, his or her office
81 shall be declared vacant and he or she shall be disqualified
82 from further service. The appropriate appointing entity shall
83 within 60 days of such vacancy appoint a successor to fill any
84 unexpired term in the office of any commissioner.

85 Section 4. The district, by and through its commissioners,
86 may enter into a management contract with any association or
87 organization whose programs are intended to serve the
88 recreational needs of the residents of the district.

89 Section 5. Pursuant to referendum approval by the voters
90 of the district, the district had the right, power and authority



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91 to levy ad valorem taxes not to exceed one-half mill against the
 92 taxable real estate situated in the district. Such levy was for
 93 3 years only. Property taxes determined and levied under this
 94 section were certified to the County Property Appraiser and
 95 extended, assessed, and collected in like manner as provided by
 96 law for regular property taxes for the county and
 97 municipalities. The proceeds under this section were remitted by
 98 the County Tax Collector to the Board of Commissioners of the
 99 district for use in accomplishing the purposes of this act.

100 Section 6. The district may acquire, hold title to, divest
 101 itself of, and lease real and personal property within, adjacent
 102 to, or contiguous to the district.

103 Section 7. The funds derived from the tax provided in this
 104 act were used for the purchase of that parcel of real property
 105 owned by the Board of Public Instruction of Pinellas County,
 106 Florida, and leased by the Seminole Youth Athletic Association
 107 or its successor and further described as Parcel No. 606,
 108 Pinellas Farms, located in the south 1/2, 21-30-15, Pinellas
 109 County, Florida, and further described as follows:

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 111 The South 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of Section
 112 21, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, less the east sixty (60)
 113 feet thereof conveyed to Tampa and Gulf Coast Railroad Company
 114 for railroad right-of-way, Pinellas County, Florida.

115 Section 8. The proceeds of the tax and the funds of the
 116 district shall be deposited in the name of the district in a
 117 bank authorized to receive deposits of county funds, which bank
 118 shall be designated by a resolution of the board of
 119 commissioners. The designation of the bank and deposit of funds
 120 therein shall be by the exercise of due care and diligence on



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121 the part of the board of commissioners for the safekeeping of
122 funds. Funds of the district may be disbursed only by check.
123 The board of commissioners, as mentioned in this act, shall not
124 have any power and authority to borrow money for the purposes of
125 the district.

126 Section 9. All funds derived from the tax described herein
127 shall be used solely for the purchase of that parcel of real
128 estate described in Section 7, including any legal or other
129 expenses incident thereto. Surplus funds after the purchase of
130 such parcel of land may not be used for any purposes other than
131 the administration of the affairs and business of the district,
132 including the construction, care, maintenance, upkeep and
133 operation of any recreational land and facilities as the board
134 may determine to be in the best interest of the district. The
135 Board of Commissioners shall not influence the finances of any
136 existing recreational organization or association.

137 Section 10. The board shall handle duties usually
138 pertaining to, vested in, and encumbered upon like officers. A
139 record shall be kept of all meetings of the board, and in such
140 meetings the concurrence of a majority of the board members
141 shall be necessary to any affirmative action by the board. The
142 board may adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem
143 necessary in and about the transaction of its business and in
144 carrying out the provisions of this act.

145 Section 11. The special recreation district shall exist
146 until dissolved by law.

147 Section 12. The word "district" means the special
148 recreation district hereby organized, and the words "board" and
149 "board of commissioners" mean the board of commissioners of and



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150 for the special recreation district hereby created, when used in
151 this act, unless otherwise specified.

152 Section 13. The provisions of this act shall be liberally
153 construed to effect the business of this act.

154 Section 4. Chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445, and
155 88-445, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

156 Section 5. This act shall be construed as remedial and
157 shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it
158 is intended.

159 Section 6. If any provision of this act or its application
160 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity
161 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act
162 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
163 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
164 declared severable.

165 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.